

## HUNSTANTON CIVIC SOCIETY – MINUTES 24 November 2008

### **Executive Committee Meeting held at Valentine Road, 11.00am**

*Present: Roy Clark (Chair) David Jones (Vice-Chair) Ken Lawson (Treasurer), Martin Chown (Secretary), Canny Jones, Margi Blunden, John Maiden, Brian Holmes*

*In attendance: John Smith*

**1. APOLOGIES** *Andrew Murray, Gillian Lawson, Pat Maiden, Sue Boxell*

### **2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING MATTERS ARISING**

These were agreed and signed by Roy Clark as a true record.

### **3. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Correspondence received from Mrs Durne regarding the Mercy Grey bench. John Smith kindly offered to contact her, as he knows her personally. Also flagged up the contact from Peter Lawrence, national president of Railfutures; and from Mike Darlington from Rotary, who is looking for support for a water sports event in 2010.

### **4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ken Lawson reported that the financial report was ready for the AGM.

### **5. GROUP UPDATES**

#### **Heritage sub Committee:**

There had been some delay from the Borough Council over the installation of the interpretation boards, now scheduled before the end of November. It was agreed that the launch date would have to be postponed to a more appropriate time. Andrew Murray reported on his visit to Wash Wide. The committee felt we should be involved if man power was available

#### **Planning sub Committee:**

Secretary reported the details of a meeting held immediately prior with John Selby, BCKLWN.

Shopfronts. The new policy guidance for the shopfronts has been endorsed by Hunstanton Town Council, the CAAP, and looks set to be approved as policy by the Borough Council in April 2009. The Civic Society are also backing this, and have written to BCKLWN with support. An initial £10k in grant money has been ringfenced to kick start the shop front process, and encourage the traders to make suitable planning applications when they propose changes to their fronts. John Maiden expressed surprise that the owners of the Evergreen restaurant had been allowed to paint their shop front pink. He added that if the example of Downham Market could be followed, with our input, we could have real quality re-developments.

Old Garage Site. Discussion on this topic led to a suggestion from John Selby that rather than fence the area, it could be cleared and grassed over. This was well received, and we suggested that Hunstanton in Bloom could be involved.

Kit Kat Site. The Council is still exploring the ideas of land swap to try and get reasonable developments within the generic area.

#### **Constitution sub Committee:**

David Jones reported that the 'new' constitution was ready for consideration at the EGM scheduled to take place immediately prior to the AGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008.

## **6. HCS meeting with Henry Bellingham MP and BCKLWN 24.10.08**

Little progress overall. John Maiden's questions are still outstanding and correspondence between the MP and the Council had not been copied to him. Henry Bellingham confirmed that he would have the questions researched in the House of Commons Library.

## **7. AGM SUB COMMITTEE REPORT**

The AGM sub committee reported that the arrangements for the evening were in place. The committee voted a £350 budget for the event.

## **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

Meeting closed at 12.10 pm.

**DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING –Tuesday 20 January 2009, 10.00am VALENTINE ROAD**  
- please note earlier time

**IF ANY CIVIC SOCIETY MEMBER WOULD LIKE TO COME TO THE NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AS AN OBSERVER, PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY. YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME**  
**Andrew Murray 01485 532376**

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